

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5709–S5773

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1805–1822, and S. Res. 255–259. **Pages S5742–43**

Measures Reported:

S. 1088, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–156)

S. 1103, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department-wide guidance and to develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign. (S. Rept. No. 115–157) **Page S5742**

Measures Passed:

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 129, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5770–71**

McConnell (for Wicker) Amendment No. 1091, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5770–71**

Jobs for Our Heroes Act: Senate passed S. 1393, to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses. **Page S5771**

No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act: Senate passed S. 1532, to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking. **Page S5771**

Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act: Senate passed S. 1536, to designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5771–72**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States. **Pages S5746–47**

Isaac M. Wise Temple Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 257, designating September 16, 2017, as "Isaac M. Wise Temple Day". **Page S5747**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 258, designating the week beginning September 10, 2017, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week". **Pages S5747–48**

National Family Service Learning Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 259, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 15, 2017, as "National Family Service Learning Week". **Pages S5748–49**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5712–27, S5731–38**

Pending:

McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5712–27**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 545 (to Amendment No. 1003), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5712–27**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 197), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003 (listed above). **Page S5732**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing, notwithstanding Rule XXII, that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2017, McConnell

(for McCain) Amendment No. 545 (to Amendment No. 1003) (listed above) be withdrawn, Senate adopt McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003 (listed above), and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S5738**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the bill as under the previous order. **Page S5772**

Francisco Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States. **Pages S5727–31**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act. **Page S5727**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5727**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 80 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 196), Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S5727–31**

D. Michael Dunavant, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Louis V. Franklin, Sr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Jessie K. Liu, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Daniel J. Kaniewski, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Kurt G. Alme, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Donald Q. Cochran, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Russell M. Coleman, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Peter E. Deegan, Jr., of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Marc Krickbaum, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Brian J. Kuester, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

R. Trent Shores, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Bart M. Davis, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years. **Pages S5738, S5772**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2022.

Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Walter G. Copan, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Matthew G. T. Martin, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Michael B. Stuart, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023. **Page S5772**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Daniel Alan Craig, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on July 25, 2017. **Page S5773**

Messages from the House: **Page S5742**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S5742**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5749–70**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5770**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—197) **Pages S5731–32**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5772.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nutrition programs, focusing on perspectives for the 2018 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Brandon Lipps, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, and Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, and Ann M. Coffey, Assistant Inspector General of Investigations, both of the Office of the Inspector General, all of the Department of Agriculture; Sam Schaeffer, Center for Employment Opportunities, New York, New York; Bryan Parker, Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, Tulsa; Jimmy Wright, Wright's Market, Opelika, Alabama, on behalf of the National Grocers Association; Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research, Evanston, Illinois; and Brian Riendeau, Dare to Care Food Bank, Louisville, Kentucky.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Rock Creek Global Advisors LLC, and Kevin J. Wolf, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, both of Arlington, Virginia; and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Alexandria, Virginia.

INDIVIDUAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine individual tax reform, after receiving testimony from Lily L. Batchelder, New York University School of Law, New York; Alex M. Brill, and Ramesh Ponnuru, both of the American Enterprise

Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Iona Harrison, Pioneer Realty, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors.

FCC LIFELINE PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Program, focusing on a case study of government waste and mismanagement, after receiving testimony from Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Vickie S. Robinson, Universal Service Administrative Company, Washington, D.C.

INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on health care stakeholders, after receiving testimony from Raymond G. Farmer, South Carolina Department of Insurance Director, Columbia, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Manny K. Sethi, Healthy Tennessee, Nashville; Susan Turney, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Marshfield, Wisconsin; and Robert Ruiz-Moss, Anthem, Inc., and Christina Postolowski, Young Invincibles, both of Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Stephen S. Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Robert J. Higdon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, J. Cody Hiland, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Joshua J. Minkler, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Byung J. Pak, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.